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JOHN A. JUPP, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

PANGL POST TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, General Post Office, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND OF \$2 (Two Dollars) per Share for the Half-Year ending 30th June, 1891, will be paid to those Persons who are registered as SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company on MONDAY, 3rd August, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 3rd to 10th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after 1st August, 1891, ONLY SHIP LATER THAN THE 1st AUGUST will be accepted for STORAGE in the above Company's Kowloon Godown.

By Order of the Board of Directors, EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [1800]

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1873, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 3rd AUGUST.

FOR THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, CALCUTTA.

JOHN THURBERN, Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, LIMITED, CALCUTTA.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

E. W. BUTLER, Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE COMPANIE NATIONALE D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

L. GLENAN, Acting Agent, Hongkong.

FOR THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

DE WESTLEY LAYTON, Secretary, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

"YIKSANG."

Captain Galloway, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 28th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [176]

FOR SHANGHAI.

"PHEKING."

Captain F. Sotels, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [176]

FOR SINGAPORE.

"OXFORD."

Captain Jance, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [179]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANPOO.

"THALES."

Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARKE & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

FOR AMOY, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND SOERABAYA.

"DORNO."

Captain Klein, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 30th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [176]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

"LIGHTNING."

Captain G. B. Pallott, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 1st August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSON, SON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [176]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

DEBENTURES.

THE attention of DEBENTURE HOLDERS is called to an advertisement which appears in another column of this Paper, the effect of which is to inform them that the DEBENTURES of the COMPANY will be accepted at PAR in lieu of Cash in the purchase of the property advertised for Sale at MOUNTAIN VIEW.

For further particulars, apply to JOHN A. JUPP, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

"PENINSULAR."

Capt. A. C. Lorgin, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE, AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, OBERN, LISBON, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

THE Steamship.

"NIOBE."

Captain H. C. Thomson, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th August, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship.

"VERONA."

Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th August, at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FORIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY.

having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN), GENOVA, and all Mediterranean, Adriatic, Levantine, and Soviet American Ports up to Calcutta.

Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF AND BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship.

"BISAGNO."

G. Orsago, Master, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th August, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS are discharging in Victoria Dock.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship.

"GLENBAGLES."

Captain Somers, will be despatched as above on or about the 17th August.

This steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [1801]

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLE, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship.

"KAISER-LINDH." Captain G. W. Atkinson, will be despatched as above from this Port on LONDON via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 8th August, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. and Passengers at the Office until 4 P.M. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuable Goods for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo. Tea will be sent direct via Bombay or Colombo according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

This steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent, Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"BELLONA."

Capt. B. Schuler, having arrived from the above ports, Consignments of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd August will be subject to sale.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd August, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance hereafter.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 27th July, 1891. [176]

"CRU WYNERON."

The Great BREAKFAST CLARET, at \$3.00 a doz.

A SOUND BREAKFAST CLARET, at \$2.10 a doz.

\$3.25 Allowance for 1 doz. Empty Bottles returned.

Samples sent on application.

G. GILBERT (Late GILBERT & SONS), No. 8, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 10th July, 1891. [1867]

INTIMATIONS.

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1845.

TOTAL ASSETS ON 1st JANUARY, 1891, \$115,947,800.

AMOUNT ASSURED, \$569,336,726.

SURPLUS NEW YORK STATE, \$14,989,480.

BERLEY, DALYMPLE & Co., Agents, Hongkong, Hongkong, 24th April, 1891. [1893]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, decorated with the Royal Order of Isabella the Catholic, begs to inform the Public that he has a large Collection of Goods for Sale in his Shop, such as—

IVORY, SANDALWOOD, LACQUER WARE, all kinds of FINE EMBROIDERIES, FANS, ZEPHYRUS, and with BEAUTIFUL CARVINGS, SILK, FINE EMBROIDERED SCREENS with best CARVED BRASS FRAMES and STANDS, FANCY GOODS and CURIOS.

All the above mentioned goods were made by skilful workmen under the direction of the Undersigned, who possesses highly artistic talent and has been awarded with FIVE EUROPEAN EXHIBITION MEDALS.

CHUN QUAN KEE, SEI SING KAI, CANTON.

1858.

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HAVE FOR SALE—

BRANDIES—Hennessy's, Cognac, Connoisseurs.

WHISKY, Scotch—J. & Co.'s Special Blend Taster's, Carlton, Pall Mall, Napier.

Johnstone's.

Do. Irish—Henry Thomson & Co's, Duvvill's.

Do. American—Stewart & Co's Bourbon.

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Do. GRAY'S SPARKLING PALE ALE.

JAPANESE BEER—"KIRIN" Brand, a very fine Light Ale and always Fresh in Stock.

CHAMPAGNE—Ayala & Co's Extra Dry, A. Collins, & Co.

CLARETS—Ordinary and Choice Brands direct from Bordeaux.

VERMOUTH—Italian and French.

LIQUEURS, BITTERS, CORDIALS, &c.

CHERRY CORDIALS.

A small list of Choice CALIFORNIA CLARETS and BURGUNDIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. [1868]

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PIANOS by Broadwood, Child, Play, Crumer, Hopkinson, Knickerbocker, &c., &c.

ORGANS, CABIN and TRANSPORTING PLAINS for Sale, Hire, or purchase by Monthly Payments.

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18 Years' extensive experience in China and the only Firm of trained and practical people devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instruments.

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THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY.

TO-MORROW NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), JULY 23rd.

PLAQUETTE'S BOHEMIAN COMIC OPERA (Composer of "Les Cloches de Corneville")

"RIP VAN WINKLE."

CASE OF CHARACTERS:

Rip Van Winkle (A. V. Mr. W. WALKER)

Large good-for-nothing (A. V. Mr. WESTWORTH)

Derick Van Sloot (A. V. Mr. WESTWORTH)

and Rip Van Winkle (A. V. Mr. WESTWORTH)

Baroness of Sloopy (Mr. F. SAKY)

Hollow (Mr. F. SAKY)

Didrick Knickerbocker (Mr. F. VERNARD)

Knickerbocker (Mr. F. VERNARD)

on Foot (Mr. F. VERNARD)

Captain Hugh Bowley (of the British Army) (Mr. E. FEARLEY)

Rick Van Sloot (A. V. Mr. WESTWORTH)

the "George III" (Mr. H. HALL)

Katrina (A. V. Miss VERA PATEY)

Daughter of Veldt (Miss VERA PATEY)

Starb (Miss C. DENTON)

Joeltha (Miss TRIGGS)

Alice (Miss SHIELDS)

Miss NORMAN

Captain Hendrick Hudson (Mr. SAKY)

and Do. (Miss DENVER)

and Do. (Mr. VERNARD)

and Do. (Miss BROOKS)

The Goblin Stevedore (Mr. HALL)

Gutchen (wife of Rip) (Miss A. St. JOHN)

THURSDAY, 30th JULY, 1891.

Benefit to Mr. W. WALKER

"THE BEGGAR STUDENT"

(By J. M. HALL)

SATURDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Farwell Performance.

"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE."

Plan now Open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PRICES, \$2, \$3, and \$1.

6.30 Late Trains will run on Saturday at 8.45, and 4 hours after the Performance.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891. [176]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of the above Club convened for the 30th inst. WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

GODFREY C. MASTERS, Hon. Secretary.

INTIMATIONS.

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, & C.

LONDON, HONGKONG, AND AMOY.

FOR PRICKLY HEAT—USE VINO-LIA POWDER. It is soothing and soluble, it will relieve prickly heat every time. It does not block up the pores of the skin as the alkali.

Lotioned toilet powders sold For Box, 7/6, 1/25, \$3.00.

FOR MOSQUITO BITES—Itching, soreness, weeping surfaces, use VINO-LIA. bland, soothing and free from all irritating or toxic ingredients—prescribed largely by all the local medical men.

Per Box, 6/6, \$1.25, \$2.50. [1828]

INTIMATIONS.

THE STANDARD.

A SCOTCH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS FIDELITY AND ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE STANDARD has a long record of good service to refer to; its Funds, annually increasing, amount to \$7,000,000; its Premiums are moderate, and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For further information apply to MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, 8, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 22nd July,

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 TURKISH TOWELS, LINEN TOWELS.
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 SHIRT STUDS, LINKS, and
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 Large assortment of WALKING STICKS.

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 12 GOLD MEDALS 1 SILVER MEDAL
 By Appointment.

KUHN & CO.
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 THE ORIENTAL FINE ART DEPOT.
 Known as the Oldest and most reliable Establish-
 ment in the East.
 Hongkong, 21st February, 1891.

**A. S. WATSON & COMPANY,
 LIMITED.**
 ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
 MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
 WATERS.

Our New Factory has been recently refitted
 with automatic Steam Machinery of the
 latest and most approved kind, and we
 are enabled to supply in quality with
 the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and
 the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in
 the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOTTLES OF SODAS.
 We continue to supply large bottles as
 heretofore, free of extra charge, to those of
 our Customers who prefer to have them in
 this size.

COAST PORT ORDERS.
 whenever practicable are despatched by first
 steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For Coast Ports, Waters are packed
 and placed on board ship at Hongkong free
 and the full amount allowed for Packages and
 Bunkies when received in good order.

Counter Order Books supplied on applica-
 tion.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is,
DISPENSARY, HONG KONG.
 And all signed communications addressed thus
 will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always
 ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
POTASH WATER.
LITHIA WATER.
SARAPARILLA WATER.
TONIC.
CHERRY BLOSSOM.
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty,
 or contain any other substance than that of
 AERATED WATER, as such Bottles are never used
 again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
 Hongkong, China, and Manila. [2-19]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 28th, 1891.

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD at the last
 meeting of the Legislative Council brought
 up some rather startling figures respecting
 the Public Works Department. It appears
 that while the amount expended on public
 works has been largely decreasing during
 the last few years, the cost of the staff has
 nearly doubled. On a superficial glance it
 might be inferred from these figures that
 more men were being employed to do less
 work. The gross cost of the works, however,
 cannot be taken as an exact criterion of the
 amount of work performed by the European
 staff, nor, for the matter of that, of the exact
 return received by the Colony. In the case
 of the Victoria College it is known that the
 Colony paid from \$100,000 to \$125,000 for
 which it received no return whatever.
 What it got was a \$125,000 building, for
 which it paid \$250,000. It would have been
 more profitable to have spent a little more
 for effective supervision in order to prevent
 the large leakage and with this instance be-
 fore us we are not prepared without further
 evidence to condemn the increase in the staff
 of the Public Works Department, even if
 the amount of public works under construction
 is somewhat smaller than it was a few
 years ago. On a gross expenditure of over
 \$300,000 only it is not impossible that the
 increased cost of the staff may be more than
 repaid to the Colony. At the same time
 it must be admitted that Mr. WHITEHEAD's
 figures are rather startling and seen to call
 for some official explanation. The case of the
 Victoria College should also be borne in mind
 in considering the new Audit arrangements.
 The old Audit system to which Mr. WHITEHEAD
 wishes to revert proved utterly ineffective in
 respect to that work, and it is reasonable to
 suppose it was equally ineffective in respect to
 other large works, though the scandal did not
 come to light in the same prominent manner.
 It has not been proved that the present
 Audit system is defective, but even if it is
 it cannot be more so than the old one.

Fortunately we have now another check,
 which ought to prove effective in regard to
 expenditure in the Public Works Committee,
 which presented its first report at the last
 meeting of Council. A very great responsi-
 bility is cast upon this Committee, whose
 duties are such that they cannot be per-
 formed by any ordinary person. Their
 first report, though it gives evidence of con-

scientious inquiry, is hardly such a satis-
 factory document as might have been hoped
 for. The most important business before
 them was the plans of the New Central
 Market, on which the Committee resolved
 that they could not undertake to decide upon
 the comparative merits of the two plans
 submitted to them, and that the responsi-
 bility of selecting a plan must remain with
 the Public Works Department. Municipal
 bodies in England have to decide between
 competing plans when any public building
 is to be erected, and to come nearer home,
 the directors of the Hongkong and Shang-
 hai Bank had to discharge the same func-
 tion in respect of the competing plans for
 the Bank's premises erected a few years
 ago. The Public Works Committee ought to
 be equally competent to make a selection of
 plans in respect to public buildings in the
 Colony. In this particular case, however,
 the matter was complicated by the fact that
 one of the two plans submitted was that of
 the Surveyor-General, who is Chairman of
 the Public Works Committee, while the other
 was prepared by one of his subordi-
 nates. The Committee was consequently
 deprived of the impartial advice of its most
 prominent member. In England when public
 buildings are to be erected it is customary
 to invite competition amongst architects by
 offering one or more prizes for the best plan
 submitted. In the same case, we think, should
 be adopted here. In the first instance the
 Public Works Committee, in consultation
 with the Surveyor-General, ought to lay
 down the requirements, plans should then
 be invited, and the names of the respective
 architects should not be made known to the
 Committee until the decision has been ar-
 rived at. It sometimes happens that a
 failure results from this system, as in the
 case of the London Law Courts, but on the
 whole it is found to work most satisfactorily,
 and we believe it would be found to work
 not less satisfactorily in Hongkong than
 elsewhere.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council
 on Friday the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, in-
 moving the first reading of his Bill to amend
 the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance, was
 interrupted by the Acting At-
 torney-General, remarking that it was not
 usual to make a speech in moving the first
 reading of a Bill. The learned gentleman
 was quite correct. It is not usual to make a
 speech on the first reading of a Bill in
 Hongkong, that is. In other places, where
 common sense plays a larger part in the
 conduct of legislation, the custom is different.
 In the House of Commons, for instance,
 when the first reading of a Bill is moved, it
 is customary to explain its object, and the
 House is then prepared to debate it on the
 second reading. Perhaps Mr. LEACH has
 never read Mr. GRADSTONE's speeches on the
 introduction of the Irish Church Bill or the
 Home Rule Bill. In Hongkong it was
 formerly the custom to publish all Bills in
 the Gazette with a printed statement of the
 objects and reasons for the first reading.
 Both the public and the members of the
 Legislative Council knew then what the
 Bill was about and were in a position to
 consider it intelligently. This useful practice
 gradually dropped into disuse, perhaps
 because the Attorney-General thought
 it too much trouble to prepare the state-
 ment of objects and reasons or because
 his private practice did not allow him time to
 do so. It still continued the custom, how-
 ever, on the first reading of a Bill to give a
 verbal explanation, and this, it may be ad-
 mitted, sufficiently meets the requirements of
 the case. But even this has now been dropped,
 and the members of the Council and the
 public have the Bills flung at them without
 a word of explanation until the second read-
 ing, when the Council is supposed to be pre-
 pared to pronounce on the principle of the
 measure. It is only a matter of practice
 however, there is nothing in the standing
 orders to prevent a member making a speech
 on the first reading of a Bill, and it is to be
 regretted that Mr. WHITEHEAD, when in-
 terrupted in the sensible course of explain-
 ing the Bill he was introducing, was not pre-
 pared with the report to which the Acting
 Attorney-General laid himself out. It is
 not a new matter of form, but one of some
 considerable practical importance. Let us
 take the case of the Optium Bill, read the
 first time at the last meeting of Council. Here
 we have a measure of sixty-four sections,
 covering with its schedules twelve closely
 printed foolscap pages. How are the un-
 official members to ascertain in what re-
 spects it differs from the Act it is intended
 to replace? The Acting Attorney-General
 could have given the information at the first
 meeting with very little trouble, but as it
 is, if the members of Council wish to
 know what they are voting on when the
 Bill comes on for second reading, they must
 spend several laborious hours in
 comparing the new Bill section by section
 with the existing Ordinance. It is not often
 that members will take this trouble, so that
 practically they are reduced to voting on
 the statement made at the second reading,
 and they are thus afforded no time for re-
 flection or consultation. It would be a con-
 venience to themselves and conducive to
 greater care in legislation if the unofficial
 members could by their influence secure a
 return to the practice which formerly pre-
 vailed here and which is observed in other
 legislative assemblies. The change was
 made, if we remember rightly, during the
 time that Sir E. L. O'MALLEY was Attorney-
 General, and his explanation is a very
 simple if somewhat Irish one. He found it
 difficult to make a speech both on the first
 and second reading of a Bill, and so he
 dropped the first, instead of adopting the
 more appropriate course of dropping the
 second.

By an Imperial decree issued on the 15th July
 Yunglung has been appointed Commissioner for
 Imperial Manufactures in Soochow. This post
 is always held by a Manchu official.

The General Manager (Messrs. Jardine
 Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Indo-China
 steamer *Winglung*, from Calcutta and Penang,
 left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst.
 at 5 p.m.

Parcels sent to the United Kingdom by
 parcel post can now be insured against loss, as
 will be seen by the advertisement in another
 column. This new development in parcel post
 will prove a great convenience to the public.

The Agents (Messrs. Arncliffe, Karberg & Co.)
 inform us that the China Shipper's Mutual
 Insurance Company, from Glasgow and Liverpool,
 left Singapore for this port on Sunday, and may
 be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The *Japan Daily Advertiser* says:—The
 officers of the Chinese consular certainly cannot
 be accused of any want of cordiality in their
 intercourse with the Japanese. The Japanese
 Consulate in London, for example, has been
 the scene of the most friendly relations that
 could be expected between the two nations.
 On the 7th inst. when six Japanese
 visited the flag ship they were entertained by the
 captain and the ship was dressed in their honor.

The *Japan Daily Advertiser* says:—The
 oil of Sumatra, though of excellent quality,
 contains some large quantities of easily
 inflammable gases that render it dangerous to
 give rise to many difficulties from the oil
 readily catching fire. A change for the better
 would benefit petroleum consumers at Batavia
 and elsewhere, and would be a great relief to
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Hongkong, 5th February, 1891. [357]

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